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POST ALLOWANCE AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on May 17,
2004. Kindly amend the application as indicated on the following pages.

In the Brief Description of the Drawings

Add the following paragraphs after the last paragraph of the Brief Description of the Drawings section on page 4.

Figure 4 depicts a halo according to an illustrative embodiment of the invention.

Figure 5 depicts tongs according to an illustrative embodiment of the invention.

In the Detailed Description of the Invention

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 15 with the following paragraph:

The insulating skull pins of the present invention can be sold individually, to retrofit older halos or tongs, or may be sold as part of a kit, along with tongs or a halo, with or without a superstructure and vest. An illustrative halo 40 and tongs 42 are depicted in Figures 4 and 5, respectively.

In the Drawings

Add Figures 4 and 5 as submitted herewith.